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CHARGE FOR BUJUMBURA DAR ES SALAAM FOR ARUSHA OBSERVER

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1. BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP
CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR MAY 27. THE SITREP IS
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2. BEGIN TEXT OF SITREP:

RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP MAY 27
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SITUATION ON THE GROUND

UNAMIR REPORTED THAT IT WAS ABLE TO EVACUATE 240 PEOPLE
(REUTERS NOW REPORTS 500) FROM THE MILLES COLLINES HOTEL
AND THE AMAHORO STADIUM IN KIGALI TODAY AND THAT IT WILL
CONTINUE TO EVACUATE PEOPLE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. UN
OFFICIALS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CEASE FIRE IN
PLACE, BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED NOT TO FIRE ON THE
EVACUATION CONVOYS. THE FIRST CONVOY REPORTEDLY TOOK THE
FIRST 240 EVACUEES TO A PLACE 25 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TOWN AND ALLOWED THEM TO GO WHERE THEY WANTED TO FLED BEHIND RPF LINES, OTHERS BEHIND RGF LINES. THE UN DID NOT HAVE NUMBERS AVAILABLE AS TO HOW MANY OF THE 240 CAME FROM THE HOTEL OR STADIUM OR WHAT WAS THE BREAKDOWN OF THOSE WHO FLED TO THE RPF OR RGF SIDES. (AF/C TELCON WITH KIGALI AND IO TELCON WITH USUN)

AT UN SPECIAL ENVOY IQBAL RIZA'S URGING, THE RPF HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH THE GOR MILITARY COMMANDERS TO DISCUSS A CEASE FIRE ON MONDAY, MAY 30. IN THE MEANTIME, THE RPF'S RADIO STATION IS INVITING RGF OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS TO LEAVE THEIR POSTS IF THEY ARE OPPOSED TO THE MILITARY'S POLICY OF GENOCIDE AND JOIN THE RPF. TWO FORMER RGF OFFICERS NOW AMONG THE RPF RANKS HAVE SAID THAT THE POLICY OF GENOCIDE IS BEING ADVANCING BY NORTHERN HUTU OFFICERS. AN ESTIMATED 50,000 PEOPLE (MOSTLY HUTUS) HAVE FLED KIGALI TOWARDS GITARAMA, FEARING RPF ADVANCES. (REUTERS)

THE NUMBERS OF RWANDANS SEEKING REFUGE AT THE AMAHORO
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STADIUM AND AIRPORT HAS INCREASED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS BECAUSE OF THE RISE IN THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING IN KIGALI. 7,000 ARE REPORTEDLY AT THE STADIUM AND 1,101 ARE AT THE AIRPORT. ICRC HAS ALSO ASKED FOR UN PROTECTION AT ITS COMPOUND IN KIGALI AFTER UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN ENTERED THE COMPOUND THREATENING TO RETURN WHEN THEY WEREN'T GIVEN THE CASH THEY DEMANDED. (REUTERS)

UNAMIR REPORTED HEAVY FIGHTING IN RUHENGARI AND RULINDO IN THE NORTH. UNAMIR COULD NOT CONFIRM REPORTS THAT THE RPF HAD TAKEN RUHANGO (SOUTH OF KIGALI). (REUTERS)

AMCIT MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE ENTERED RWANDA VIA GOMA TO GISENYI REPORTED THAT WHILE VISITING AREAS BEHIND RPF LINES, THE RPF HAS WARNED THEM ABOUT ENTERING AND LEAVING THE COUNTRY THROUGH GISENYI. THE RPF HAS SAID THAT AFTER IT TAKES GITARAMA, IT WILL FOCUS IT EFFORTS ON GISENYI IN AN EFFORT TO STOP MUNITIONS, FOOD AND GASOLINE FROM BEING FUNNELED TO THE GOR VIA GOMA. (AF/C TELCON WITH MISSIONARIES IN GOMA AND/OR SPOUSES REPORTS RELAYED FROM THE U.S.)

DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES

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IN HIS BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH BELGIAN MFA OFFICIALS, A/S MOOSE WAS TOLD THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CLAES IS LIKELY TO SUPPORT THE UNAMIR CONCEPT OF SECURITY ZONES IN RWANDA DURING PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSIONS. THE GOB WILL ALSO SEND AMBASSADOR SWINNEN TO SPEAK TO BURUNDI OFFICIALS TO ASK FOR SUPPORT FOR SUCH ZONES.

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THE RPF STATED THAT IT WAS WITHDRAWING ITS OBJECTIONS TO THE SIZE OF THE EXPANDED UN FORCE. IN MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON MAY 25, THE RPF SAID IT INTENDED TO COOPERATE MORE FULLY WITH THE UN IN RWANDA. (REUTERS AND USUN 2240)

PRESIDENT MOI HAS OFFERED TO HOST A RWANDA SUMMIT ON JUNE 6. (NAIROBI 9490/DAR ES SALAAM 3384/KAMPALA 4282)

PRESIDENT MOBUTU, AS ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CEPGL (ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE GREAT LAKES), CALLED FOR THE FORMATION OF A DE-MILITARIZED ZONE WITHIN A 20 KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE CAPITAL. (KINSHASA 3085)

THE ETHIOPIANS HAVE INFORMALLY STATED TO PRESIDENT MUSEVENI THAT THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO UNAMIR (KAMPALA 4282)O

OAU SYG SALIM SAID THAT HE HAD PLEDGES OF TROOPS FROM ZIMBABWE, NIGERIA, AND ZAMBIA, AND PLEDGES OF SUPPORT FROM CONGO AND NAMIBIA FOR AN EXPANDED UNAMIR OPERATION. SALIM SAID THESE WERE IN ADDITION TO TROOPS COMMITMENTS ALREADY GIVEN TO UN SYG BOUTROS GHALI FROM SENEGAL, GHANA, AND ETHIOPIA. (ADDIS ABABA 3962)

THE VATICAN ISSUED A PRESS STATEMENT CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE UN INTERVENTION IN RWANDA. (FBIS LONDON AF 8708)

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HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

UN/DHA PLANS TO TRAVEL TO KIGALI TOMORROW, MAY 28, TO DISCUSS HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS WITH GENERAL DALLAIRE. A UN/NGO MEETING IS ALSO SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY IN KABALE, UGANDA TO DISCUSS HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN THE NORTH. ASSISTANCE FOR ORPHANS IN THE AREA HAS BECOME A PARTICULARLY HIGH PRIORITY ISSUE. (NAIROBI 9382)

SOUTH OF KIGALI, WFP AND CRS ESTIMATE A DISPLACED CASELOAD OF 166,000. SUMMARY EXECUTIONS AT THE RATE OF 7 TO 8 TUTSIS A DAY ARE REPORTED IN CERTAIN AREAS. THERE ARE REPORTS OF SOME REFUGEES RETURNING TO RWANDA, MOVING INTO RPF CONTROLLED AREAS IN THE SOUTHEAST. (NAIROBI 9382)

WHO REPORTS THAT THE NUMBER OF BODIES FLOWING DOWN THE KAGERA RIVER TOWARD LAKE VICTORIA HAS DROPPED TO ABOUT 26 BODIES EVERY 24 HOURS. THE FLOATING BODIES HAVE HAD A NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY IN THE LAKE; FISH SALES HAVE DROPPED DRAMATICALLY. (NAIROBI 9382)

THE EUROPEAN UNION ANNOUNCED A 1.17 MILLION USD GRANT FOR THE VICTIMS OF RWANDAN VIOLENCE. THE GRANT WILL BE USED TO FINANCE THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL, M SURGICAL, AND LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE TO RWANDAN REFUGEES IN NORTHERN BURUNDI.

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